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IN THE CLAIMS:

The status and content of each claim follows.

1. (currently amended) An image reproduction apparatus comprising:
a scanning device;
a transparent scanning bed optically coupled to said scanning ~~unit~~ device; and
an adjustable shade associated with said scanning bed;

wherein said adjustable shade is configured to be selectively extended from a position adjacent said scanning bed to cover a portion of said scanning bed including from an edge of said scanning bed to a leading edge of said adjustable shade, an underside of said shade presented to said scanning device through said bed being colored such that said scanning device outputs no image when scanning said underside of said shade thereby effectively reducing a size placed across said scanning bed to reduce a portion of said scanning bed.

2. (currently amended) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, wherein said scanning ~~unit~~ device comprises:

a photoconductive platen; and

a light source configured to illuminate said scanning bed such that said platen obtains a latent image of an object on said scanning bed ~~optically coupled to said scanning unit.~~

3. (original) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, wherein said scanning bed is configured to receive a document.

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4. (original) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 3, wherein said scanning bed comprises glass.
5. (original) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 3, wherein said scanning bed comprises plastic.
6. (original) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, wherein said adjustable shade comprises an opaque material.
7. (original) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 6, wherein said adjustable shade further comprises a shade reel including a spring and a lock mechanism.
8. (original) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 7, wherein said opaque material is coiled around said shade reel.
9. (original) The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an adjustable shade disposed on each side of said scanning bed.
10. (original) The image reproduction device of claim 9, wherein said adjustable shades are coupled to said image reproduction device and said adjustable shades are configured to be drawn to a desired length, maintain said desired length for a desired length of time, and to be retracted by a spring and lock mechanism.

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11. (currently amended) A method of adjusting ~~the~~ a target area of an image reproduction apparatus comprising:

selectively covering an edge of scanning bed by drawing a shade from a shade reel
~~across a~~ over said edge of said scanning bed;

placing said object on said drawn shade; and

scanning said object

wherein an underside of said shade that is presented to said scanning bed is colored
such that said scanning outputs no image of said underside of said shade thereby effectively
reducing a size of said scanning bed.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said drawing a shade comprises:

measuring a distance from said shade to a furthest point of a certain condition; and
extending said shade equal to said distance.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said shade comprises an opaque material;

wherein said opaque material is configured to prevent the scanning of an object.

14. (currently amended) An optical scanner with an adjustable shade comprising:
a shade reel disposed at an edge of a scanning bed of said optical scanner configured
~~to be coupled to an image reproduction apparatus;~~ and
a shade an opaque material coupled to said shade reel;

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wherein an underside of said shade that is presented to said scanning bed is colored such that said optical scanner does not output any image markings when scanning said underside of said shade thereby effectively reducing is configured to adjust a scan target area of said optical scanner image reproduction apparatus.

15. (currently amended) The adjustable shade of claim 14, wherein said shade comprises opaque material that is concentrically wrapped around said shade reel.

16. (currently amended) The adjustable shade of ~~claim 15~~ claim 14, wherein said shade is wound on said reel which further comprises a spring and lock mechanism.

17. (currently amended) The adjustable shade of claim 16, wherein said spring and lock mechanism is configured to permit said ~~opaque material~~ shade to be drawn to a desired length, maintain said desired length for a desired length of time, and to be retracted to said shade reel.

18. (original) The adjustable shade of claim 14, wherein an underside of said shade is configured to reflect an emitted light.

19. (original) The adjustable shade of claim 18, wherein said underside of said shade is white.

20. (currently amended) A scanning device for eliminating unwanted areas of a scanned image, said scanning device comprising:

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means for scanning; and

means for selectively covering edges of a scanning bed such that said means for scanning outputs no image markings when scanning said covered portions of said scanning bed shading;

wherein said means for covering edges of said scanning bed are shading is configured to selectively reduce an effective scanning area of said means for scanning.

21. (original) The scanning device of claim 20, wherein said means for scanning comprises:

a scanning unit; and

a transparent scanning bed optically coupled to said scanning unit.

22. (original) The scanning device of claim 20, wherein said means for shading comprises:

a shade reel, and

an opaque material coupled to said shade reel.

23. (original) The scanning device of claim 22, wherein said shade reel comprises a spring and lock mechanism configured to allow selective retraction and restoration of said shade reel.

24. (new) The method of claim 11, further comprising using said shade to prevent said scanning from imaging a spine of a bound volume.

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25. (new) The method of claim 11, further comprising using said shade to prevent said scanning from imaging a notation on a document.